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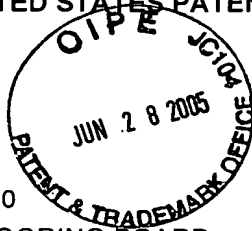
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Title: LOCKING SYSTEM AND FLOORING BOARD



Group Art Unit: 3637

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EIGHTEENTH
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Sir:

Enclosed is a EIGHTEENTH Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☒ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application numbers 10/508,198 naming Darko Pervan et al. as inventor and filed September 20, 2004; 10/509,885 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed October 4, 2004; 10/510,580 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed October 8, 2004, 10/970,282 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed October 22, 2004; 10/975,923 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed October 29, 2004; 11/000,912 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed December 2, 2004; 11/008,213 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed December 10, 2004; 11/034,059 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed January 13, 2005; 11/034,060 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed January 13, 2005; 10/906,356 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed February 15, 2005; 11/092,748 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed March 30, 2005; 10/908,658 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed May 20, 2005, and the documents cited therein. Only copies of U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 10/508,198; 10/509,885; and 10/510,580 are being submitted herewith. According to the Private Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIRS), the other listed patents are available in electronic format therefore not requiring copies to be enclosed.

☐ In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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